



## Media Release

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### **Intersection of Avenue R and 25<sup>th</sup> Street/Scott & White Boulevard Open to Traffic**

#### **\*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\***

**TEMPLE, TX – (November 23, 2015)** Ave R, from the intersection of 25<sup>th</sup> Street / Scott & White Boulevard to the intersection of 19<sup>th</sup> Street is now open to traffic.

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### **Temporary Closure of the intersection of Avenue R and 25<sup>th</sup> Street/Scott & White Boulevard**

#### **\*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\***

**TEMPLE, TX – (September 8, 2015)** Ave R, from the intersection of 25<sup>th</sup> Street/Scott & White Boulevard to the intersection of 19<sup>th</sup> Street, was closed to traffic beginning May 8, 2015, to allow for the reconstruction of the road to include road widening and dedicated right and left turn lanes at the 25<sup>th</sup> Street intersection. The duration of the closure was estimated at 4 months, however, the relocation of private utilities has delayed some of the construction that the city's contractor can perform. Weather permitting, we are estimating that Ave R will be reopened to the public by mid-November, 2015.

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**TEMPLE, TX – (May 8, 2015)** Ave R, from the intersection of 25<sup>th</sup> Street/Scott & White Boulevard to the intersection of 19<sup>th</sup> Street, will be closed to allow for the reconstruction of the road to include road widening and dedicated right and left turn lanes at the 25<sup>th</sup> Street intersection. Effective immediately, this portion of Ave R will be closed for approximately four months. There is a detour route utilizing 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Avenue M for westbound Avenue R traffic and 31<sup>st</sup> Street and Avenue M for eastbound Avenue R traffic. All entrances to Baylor, Scott & White facilities will remain open.

Nicole Torralva, P.E., the City's Public Works director, says that this project is an important component of the City's Transportation Capital Improvement Plan (TCIP). "The reconstruction and enhancements of these intersections will tie in connectivity with TISD, the future Ralph Wilson Youth Center and Baylor Scott & White facilities while adding TMED Zone beautification and amenities. The Reinvestment Zone #1 has also played an integral role in making this project and others possible in the redevelopment of this TMED area." Enhanced turn movements and multi modal components such as sidewalks and hike and bike trails have been incorporated into the design.

See detour map below.

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